



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, vaccine preventable childhood diseases are recognized as causing severe illness, developmental disabilities and death; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 25 percent of Idaho children 24 months of age and younger are unprotected against one or more of the vaccine preventable childhood illnesses; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1991, Idaho battles a measles epidemic, and in 1994, 1997, 1998, and 2001, Idaho had major pertussis (whooping cough) outbreaks; and*

*WHEREAS, in the last ten years Idaho has had more than 30 deaths attributes to vaccine preventable diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, public health experts predict that inadequate levels of immunizations may lead to serious outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, health care providers and communities can make a difference by spreading the word about the need for immunizations and by supporting efforts to ensure that children are vaccinated in the first two years of life; and*

*WHEREAS, IRIS, Idaho's voluntary Immunization Reminder Information System, has over 33,390 children age two and under and over 250 providers accessing and submitting records to the system; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho's immunization rate among children 24 months of age continues to rise;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2002, to be*

**INFANT IMMUNIZATION MONTH**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twelfth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE